(e) and (f) As the works of construction of these ROBs have been taken up by the concerned Railways only recently, none of these projects is likely to be compleled during the current year.

Four laning of Vadodara-Maharashtra National Highway-8

2900. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether four laning of Vadodara-Maharashtra border section of National Highway-8 is envisaged in the near future;

(b) what would be the likely traffic on this stretch during the next five years;

(c) whether any co-relation has been made between the likely traffic and the progress of four laning; and

(d) whether Government plan to earmark special funds for extremely busy section of the Highway network particularly the Ahmedabad-Bombay Section of National Highways-8.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Development of National Highways including four laning is a continuous process. Out of 277 km. length of Vadodara-Maharashtra Border section of NH 8, four laning of 61 km has already been completed and that for another 50 km is in various stages of progress. It is too early to indicate whether four laning of any of the remaining stretches will be taken up in the near future as it will depend upon overall priorities and availability of funds.

(b) The likely traffic on this stretch by 1997-98 is estimated as about 70,000 passenger car units per day.

(c) As per the present traffic criterion, four laning is justified when traffic volume is more than 15000 PCUs per day.

(d) No, Sir.

12.00 NOON

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, statement by Minister correcting answer to Question—Shri Satish Sharma.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1993 to starred Question 1113 regarding process platform in Bombay Offshore

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1993 to Unstarred Question 1113 regarding process platform in Bombay Off-shore.

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MR. CAIRMAN: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table—Shri Jagdish Tytler.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Accounts (1991-92) of the Paradip Port Trust and Visakhapatnam Port Trust and related papers.

II. Administration Report (1991-92) of of the Mormugao Port Trust, Goa and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, Noida and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):: Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (2) of section 103 of the Major Port Trusts Act. 1963:—